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On 25 August the Committee of Finance and Economics of the Government Administrative Council issued the following instructions to the Northwest and Southwest Military and Administrative Committees:

1. The Northwest and Southwest regions must strengthen their communication and transportation service in order to meet the requirements of strengthening our national defense and to solve the problem of transporting goods between cities and rural areas.
2. Communication administration agencies should be established in hsien and lower government units to assure the proper operation of the communication and transportation service. The people's government of hsien reached by highway, where production is abundant, should have a communication section as a part of its organization; the people's governments of smaller divisions should each have a communication assistant; the people's governments of hsiangs should each form a communication committee composed of the head of the hsiang, the head of the peasant's union, and other active elements selected from those interested in communication service. All persons should serve without remuneration to assist in the promotion of communication and transportation service.
3. All provincial highway stations and government transportation companies in the Northwest and Southwest regions will be under the Communication Department of the respective Provincial Governments to unify control over all communication agencies.
4. The maintenance of existing highways shall follow the principles in the resolutions of the "All-Nation Highway Conference." For example, all maintenance will depend upon the labor of the masses who must be organized into highway protection teams for various sections of the highways. This must be done according to an overall plan which will insure continuous operation of the transportation service.

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- a. Because of difficulties in procuring transportation equipment, the maximum use of equipment available in rural areas, including animal and human-drawn vehicles must be made. These must be organized by the people under the leadership of the government in accordance with carefully prepared plans. In time of peace this will help in the movement of farm products and in time of war it will make the maximum use of transportation facilities.
- b. The above measures must be implemented before the end of 1951 and the results and experience gained must be reported to the proper authorities.

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